

REMARKS


Applicants have amended the original claims to delete multiple dependency, including improper multiple dependency; and to delete recitation of alternative features as set forth in original claims 31 and 35. In light of deletion of alternative features from claims 31 and 35, Applicants are adding new claims 41-50 to the application. Claims 41-44 respectively recite features deleted from claim 31, and recite subject matter expressly set forth in claims 32-34, but are dependent on claim 41; claim 45 recites features deleted from claim 35; and claims 46-50 recite subject matter respectively expressly set forth in claims 36-40, but include claim 45 in their chain of dependency.

Entry of the present amendments, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 1204.44255X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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